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In re Patent Application of) PATENT APPLICATION
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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR)
CONTROLLED CONTRACTION OF)
COLLAGEN TISSUE)

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

This Preliminary Amendment is in response to the Examiner's Final Office Action mailed June 13, 2000. Reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of the following amendments and remarks.

In the Title:

Please delete the title and insert --METHOD FOR TIGHTENING LOOSE SKIN BY
CONTROLLED CONTRACTION OF COLLAGEN TISSUE BENEATH THE SKIN SURFACE--.

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Please cancel claims 3-7, 13-16 and 28-68.

Please amend the following claims:

1. (Amended) A method of treating a loose skin surface overlying a collagen containing tissue site, comprising:

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identifying a person suspected of having [a] the loose skin surface;
providing an energy source with an energy delivery surface;
positioning the energy delivery surface on the loose skin surface;